

CALIFORNIA POLYTECHNIC STATE UNIVERSITY, SAN LUIS OBISPO
ACADEMIC SENATE

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - MINUTES

Tuesday, April 29, 1986

FOB 24B 3:00 p.m.

Chair: Lloyd H. Lamouria
Vice Chair: Lynne E. Gamble
Secretary: Raymond D. Terry

Members Present: Ahern, Axelroth (for Bonds), Cooper, Gamble,
Gay, Gooden, Hallman, Kersten, Lamouria,
Riener, Terry

I. Minutes

- A. The minutes of the April 10, 1986 Executive Committee meeting were approved as mailed.
- B. The minutes of the April 15, 1986 Executive Committee meeting were approved with one correction. Item D.3 (Page 8 of the agenda package) was changed to read:

"ART 208 was rejected last winter by the Senate for inclusion in Area C.2. by a vote of 22-22-4."

II. Announcements: None

III. Reports

A. President /Provost

The President was not present for this meeting. Glenn Irvin indicated that there was no report from the Provost's Office.

B. Statewide Senators

Tim Kersten made a brief report listing three items to be considered by the Statewide Senate in the near future, viz.,

1. The length of the probationary period for tenure-track faculty;
2. Early tenure for administrators; and
3. The role of student evaluations in the RTP process.

C. Ann Shadwick, CFA President

1. The Chair recognized Adelaide Harmon-Elliott who introduced Ann Shadwick to the Executive Committee.

2. Ann Shadwick spoke briefly on the role of the CFA in the tripartite system of faculty governance consisting of the Administration, the Senates and the CFA. She observed that each faculty member is represented by the Senate and must deal with the Senate on certain issues. Likewise, each faculty member is represented by CFA and must deal with CFA on certain issues. The distinction between criteria and procedures and conditions of employment is often ambiguous. The Senates and the CFA must avoid being the common victims of the Trustees divide-and-conquer policy.
3. Ann Shadwick's remarks were followed by a brief question-and-answer period. The following points were made:
 - a. The Senate Executive Committee and the CFA Executive Committee must maintain a continuing dialogue. This may be promoted by, but does not require, overlapping membership on the two committees.
 - b. Faculty members should feel free to call their CFA Chapter President concerning contract interpretations, etc..
 - c. The CFA role in Sacramento this year has been distorted by the Administration. CFA is not opposed to the higher C.S.U. admissions standards or to the granting of Ph.D.'s by selected C.S.U. campuses. Nor did CFA lobby the State Legislative Analyst to recommend a reduction in the number of administrative deans.
 - d. CFA does not want to see instructional funds siphoned off to fund the AIMS Project.
 - e. CFA is opposed to the separation of salary and rank.
 - f. CFA cannot effect a merger with the Unit 4 union since CFA is affiliated with NEA and the bargaining agent for Unit 4 is affiliated with AFT. Unit 4 employees would have to become independent and remain independent for five years before CFA could ask for an election to be held to allow CFA to represent them.
 - g. Tracking funds from their appropriation by the Legislature to their eventual disbursement by the Trustees is a difficult task. Campus budgets are equally difficult to view and interpret. No progress has occurred in the

effort to obtain an independent audit of C.S.U. funds.

IV. Business Items

A. AIMS Project approval

1. The Chair directed the Executive Committee's attention to a memo (dated April 22) from the Director of Operations to the Academic Senate Budget Committee. This memo had been mailed to Executive Committee members on April 25 with notification that the topic would be a business item on the agenda of the April 29 meeting.
2. The following positive comments were made about AIMS:
 - a. Instruction will benefit later on if other areas become more effective.
 - b. With AIMS plus /minus grading can be implemented.
 - c. Much of cyber is used for administrative purposes. By reducing the Administration's use of cyber (which was not intended to be an administrative machine), cyber can be freed for instructional use.
 - d. With AIMS, CAR will be improved.
 - e. With AIMS, the Provost's Office will be able to compute an induced course load matrix, useful in the analysis of curriculum changes, especially in times of class impactions.
 - f. The present system is strained to its breaking point. We cannot continue with the present system. Whatever we change to will be better than what we have now.
 - g. The Budget Committee in a recent meeting approved the AIMS Funding Proposal.
 - h. The State Legislative Analyst told CSU to move in the direction of a dedicated computing environment for its administrative work. AIMS is a scaled-down version of what a Price-Waterhouse study recommended several years ago.
3. The following negative remarks were made:
 - a. There is no assessment of the probability that

AIMS will be able to do what it is claimed it can do, e.g., plus /minus grading.

- b. Funds required for the AIMS Project should not be taken from instruction, but rather from the areas that benefit immediately. Rather than a 70 -30 split, a 30 -70 split would be more reasonable.
 - c. The Engineering West fire (April 26) may have budgetary implications that would affect the scenario presented to the Executive Committee.
 - d. Nothing in AIMS directly impacts instruction. All the benefits to instruction result from a "trickle-down" effect.
 - e. AIMS costs may result from savings in staff benefits, operating expenses, equipment. Tenure-track positions would not be affected, but temporary position vacancies may be adversely affected.
 - f. There may be hidden costs: lost time due to training, parallel operations for a while, communications costs, etc.
 - g. AIMS is already outdated.
4. Additional information mentioned includes:
- a. AIMS is an acronym which includes software as well as hardware.
 - b. The funding scenario developed by Jim Landreth is a proration scheme in which each program's share is based on the percentage of the budget applicable to the program.
 - c. The contingency reserve may be reduced from \$150,000 to \$85,000 to help fund AIMS. Maintenance costs will be high over the initial three-year period.
 - d. Faculty may be inclined to contribute more than an equal share if they saw some benefit to instruction; e.g., individual workstations in each office.
 - e. The goal is a three-tiered system which is cost-justified.
 - f. SIMS was a "space-killer." Both SIMS and cyber are on-line systems.

- g. CDC Cyber will be a source of funds for AIMS.
 - h. There is no contingency plan. If AIMS is not approved, we stay with cyber, which is intolerable.
 - i. If expected improvements from AIMS do not materialize, the result would be tragic.
5. After much debate and questioning of Frank Lebens, Director of Operations, the Executive Committee adopted the following resolution:

RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate Executive Committee approves in concept the AIMS Project; and be it further

RESOLVED: The Academic Senate Executive Committee postpones approval of a funding formula.

The Resolution was adopted by the vote:

6 Yes, 1 No, 2 Abstain

B. Resolution on the Foundation Election Process

- 1. The Chair noted the presence of three of the four members of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Cal Poly Foundation. The Chair recognized Richard Kranzdorf to present the background and content of the resolution, in the absence of the committee's Chair, Harvey Greenwald. Gail Wilson also contributed to the presentation.
- 2. It is the committee's opinion that the present election process has resulted in a self-perpetuating Board in which no member represents any definite constituency. Changing the election process would give the Board a sense of legitimacy.
- 3. The Chair thanked the Ad Hoc Committee for its Report, which will be forwarded to the Senate for a first reading on May 13.

C. Research Committee Replacement for Goro Kato (Mathematics)

- 1. Al Cooper announced that George Knecht (Biological Sciences) would be the new SDSAM member of the Research Committee.
- 2. A question arose as to whether the replacement was for one quarter or for the rest of the term of office.

V. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m. with the reminder that the next Executive Committee meeting will be on Tuesday, May 6.